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SEYMOUR MAN SECOND SENTENCED IN METH CASE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the second of nine guilty co-defendants was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Jerry D. Wright, 28, of Seymour, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 4, 2005, **Wright** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine between January 2002 and June 3, 2004, in Greene County, Mo.

Wright is the second of nine guilty co-defendants to be sentenced in this case.

On March 9, 2005, **Lloyd R. Colvard, Jr.**, 33, of Pleasant Hope, Mo., was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole. On Nov. 24, 2004, **Colvard** pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine and to being a felon in possession of firearms. **Colvard** admitted that he conspired to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine. **Colvard** also admitted that he was in possession of four shotguns, two handguns, and two revolvers on different occasions between April 11, 2003, and Jan. 3, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Colvard** has two 1997 criminal felony convictions for distribution of a controlled substance in Greene County.

On Jan. 25, 2005, **Rose L. Fuqua**, 43, of Springfield, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine between January 2002 and June 3, 2004, in Greene County. **Fuqua** admitted to conspiring to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine.

On Jan. 6, 2005, **Keith A. Webb**, 30, an inmate at Fulton Correctional Facility, and **Carrol L. Wiles, Jr.**, 28, of Springfield, Mo., each pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy. By pleading guilty, they admitted that they also conspired to manufacture and distribute in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine from January 2002 to June 3, 2004, in Greene County. **Webb** and **Wiles** each admitted to conspiring to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine.

On Jan. 5, 2005, **Steven T. Moad**, 28, of Springfield, pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. **Moad** admitted that he conspired to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine. He also agreed to forfeit to the government \$3,275, which was proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine. Under federal statutes, **Moad** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

On Jan. 4, 2005, **Ernest H. Fuqua**, 40, of Springfield, pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. **Fuqua** admitted that he conspired to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine. He also agreed to forfeit to the government \$5,219, which was proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine. Under federal statutes, **Fuqua** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

On Dec. 20, 2004, **Spikie Dean Powers**, 42, of Fair Grove, Mo., pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. Under federal statutes, **Powers** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

On Nov. 30, 2004, **Jackie L. Riddle**, 31, of Bois D'Arc, Mo., pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. **Riddle** admitted that he conspired to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine, and that he was in possession of four rifles, two shotguns, and ammunition while using and addicted to methamphetamine. **Riddle** also agreed to forfeit to the government \$16,986, which was proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine. Under federal statutes, **Riddle** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Springfield, Mo., Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, COMET (the Combined Ozarks Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team) and the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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